# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5805
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ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to double the coverage of families under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expected number of families below poverty line likely to be covered under the scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the additional subsidy likely to be incurred by the Government on this account?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SU MAHARIA )

(a),(b)&(c): The Hon`ble Finance Minister has announced in his Budget Speech for 2003-2004that the Antyodaya Anna Yojana will be expanded to cover an additional 50 lakh families raising the total coverage to more than a quarter of all BPL families during the year 2003-04. The details are yet to be worked out.

(d): The additional expenditure on implementation of the expanded AAY from the Central Exchequer is expected to be about Rs. 510 crores per annum.